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☐ DATA TRANSFER SYSTEM CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING STM TRAFFIC  
☐ AND BEST EFFORT TRAFFIC IN COMMON FRAME FORMAT

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-233745A,  
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- 2 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-502547A,  
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4. European Patent Publication No. 1-355-465 A1,  
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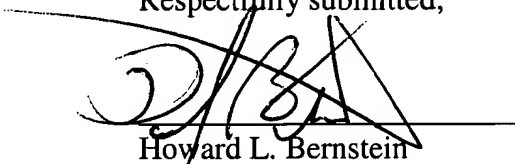
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